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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(October 18, 1948 - November 1, 1948)

POSSIBLE SOVIET INTERRUPTION OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT
(See NSC Action No. 132)

NSC 33 OUTLINE OF BASIC UNITED STATES SECURITY RESOURCES
ASSUMPTIONS, 1948 THROUGH 1952, AND 1953 THROUGH 1965
(See NSC Action No. 135)

RECOMMENDATION WITH RESPECT TO U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN
(See NSC Action No. 138)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

U. S. ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO

(NSC 11, 11/1)

Memorandum on this subject submitted by the Secretary of Defense for information of the Council, distributed as NSC 11, May 24. Draft report prepared by Staff and presented to the Consultants on June 11. Changes recommended by State, Army and Navy were considered by the Staff and a split report returned to the Consultants on July 6. The Consultants recommendation that final action be deferred until approximately August 15, 1948 was approved by the Council at its 15th Meeting, July 15. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council directed the Staff to consider this subject in conjunction with its study of NSC 22, "Possible Courses of Action for the U. S. With Respect to the Critical Situation in China". A report by the Acting Secretary of State (NSC 11/1) was scheduled at his request on the agenda of the 25th Council Meeting, when, in addition to noting a memorandum of October 18 on the subject by the President, the Council deferred action on the report until its next meeting (NSC Action No. 133). Scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the 26th Meeting of the NSC on November 4. A further memorandum on the subject by the Acting Secretary of State was referred on October 29 to the Secretary of Defense to obtain certain information for the Council.

THE SITUATION IN BERLIN

As a matter under continuous consideration, this subject is scheduled for discussion as Item 2 on the agenda for the 26th Meeting of the NSC on November 4. (See Section 4 for status of project on Germany)

U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN

(Memo for the NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 28, 1948. Ref. NSC 13/2 and NSC Action 117, c)

At its 23rd Meeting, October 7, the Council adopted NSC 13/1 as amended, and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9, and 20 should be submitted at a later date. Department of State concurrence on the amendments to paragraph 5 as recommended by the JCS received October 27. Draft of paragraph 9, approved by Departments of State and Army, submitted to other Council members by memorandum of October 28. Awaiting action by Defense, Navy, Air, and NSRB. Also awaiting a joint report from the Secretary of Defense, the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Army on paragraph 20.

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UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

COLLECTION OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA

(Memo for the NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 21, 1948)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive for Council consideration. Approved by State, September 27; Army, October 4; Navy, October 6; Air, October 14. Disapproved by Defense, October 25. Awaiting action by NSRB.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED
WORLD COMMUNISM

(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff February 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA (NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council, presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. State action being deferred pending related developments.

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION (NSC 20 Series)

A draft report on threats and objectives, prepared by the NSC Staff, was submitted to the Consultants on September 29. At the request of the Secretary of Defense, the draft report was discussed at the 25th Council Meeting and referred to the Staff for the preparation of a final report. Based upon a discussion by the Consultants in their meeting the next day, October 22, the Staff prepared a revised draft which was resubmitted, October 28, for Consultant consideration. (See Section 4 for current status of remainder of the problem). Awaiting action by Consultants at a meeting scheduled for November 2.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC CONSULTANTS (Cont'd.)

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WARTIME INFORMATION PROGRAM
(Ref. NSC 4 and NSC 10 Series, SANACC 304/6 and 304/14)

To provide a basis for a report to the Council on the above subject, the NSC Staff requested the Department of State to prepare an amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4 in the light of the recommendations of SANACC (SANACC 304/6) and the JCS (SANACC 304/14). By memorandum of October 5 the Secretary of Defense urged that the NSC Staff submit its report for Council consideration at the earliest possible date. A draft report was submitted on October 21 for consideration by the Consultants. Awaiting action by all Consultants.

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4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFFTHE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO CHINA
(NSC 34)

At its 9th Meeting the Council agreed that a report on an over-all policy on China should be prepared and requested the Department of State to draft the initial report. State's draft, "U. S. Policy Toward China" was circulated as NSC 34, October 13, to the Council for information and referred to the Staff for preparation of a report to the Council. Awaiting Staff report.

POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION FOR THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA
(NSC 22)

At its 17th Meeting the NSC referred NSC 22 and the comments of the JCS thereon (NSC 22/1) to the Staff to prepare a report for Council consideration in conjunction with the Staff's study of NSC 11, "U.S. Armed Forces at Tsingtao". The solution of the problems in the NSC 22 Series will be included in the draft paper being prepared based on NSC 34.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 113,b)

At its 21st Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the event that current Berlin negotiations are unsuccessful. Staff awaiting Department of State report.

APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION
(NSC 20 Series)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council agreed that the Department of State would prepare a report on the risks and objectives for Council consideration. On the basis of the completed report, the NSC directed the Staff to recommend specific measures to achieve the national security objectives. Two draft studies, NSC 20/1 and NSC 20/2, submitted by the Department of State and ORE 60-48 submitted by CIA,

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IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd.)

served as the working basis for a draft report on risks and objectives, submitted to the Consultants on September 29. Based upon a discussion by the Consultants in their meeting October 22, the Staff prepared a revised draft which was resubmitted October 28 for Consultant consideration. The Staff is now giving preliminary consideration to specific measures required to obtain the objectives.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA
(NSC 32 and NSC Action No. 102, Ref. NSC 28/1)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare for Council consideration specific recommendations as the basis for negotiation of matters with respect to Greenland and Spitzbergen. Implementation of a portion of NSC 28/1 (par. 12-b) deferred pending Council action on the above requested report. Report by the Secretary of the Air Force circulated to the Council for information on October 4 and referred to the Staff for consideration, (NSC 32) "The Situation of the U. S. with Respect to Negotiations with Denmark and Norway". Comments by the Department of State are being reconciled by the State and Air members of the Staff. Staff awaiting revision.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF U. S.
MILITARY POWER IN GREECE
(NSC 5/4)

CIA requested by NSC Staff to prepare a report on the current situation in Greece as a basis for review of NSC 5/4, which was to be undertaken not later than November 1, 1948. CIA report (ORE 28-48) received October 22. Department of State is preparing a draft report. Awaiting State draft.

5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Ref. memorandum for the Secretaries of State and Defense from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Awaiting reports by State and JCS.

TURKISH AIR POSITION

(NSC Action No. 105)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare a report for Council consideration on the Turkish position with reference to U. S. security interests in the Middle East and to the Greek and Turkish Aid Programs. Awaiting report from the Secretary of the Air Force.

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THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 26, 1948, reference NSC 17/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC approved the Conclusions of NSC 17/1 and directed the Executive Secretary to submit appropriate recommendations. The report of the Executive Secretary, NSC 17/2, was considered by the Council on August 19, when the Council agreed that consideration of subject be referred to SANACC. A directive to SANACC approved September 16, 1948 by the NSC members, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, requests SANACC to prepare appropriate studies and recommendations on the problems of internal security, take final action within the limits

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OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS (Cont'd.)

of its authority, and make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. SANACC is to report to the NSC the results of its action on the problems considered by SANACC. As a consequence of a memorandum from the President of October 20, requesting that the subject be placed upon the agenda for an early Council meeting, SANACC has been asked to expedite its report. Awaiting report from SANACC.

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6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA (NSC 19/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed this problem but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations by the Department of State referred to in this report.

NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7 and the NSC 20 Series.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

SANACC 398/4 (NSC 26)

At its 19th Meeting, September 2, 1948, the Council deferred action on NSC 26, but instructed the Department of State to continue further planning with U. S. industrial representatives in this country.

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